

I oppose HR 4026; free competition is what makes this country strong and the more regulations we impose on our businesses and industries the less choices and quality the US citizens have. I am not opposed to regulations that protect the environment or the health and welfare of our citizens. I am however opposed to regulations that seek to unfairly protect an industry that increasingly fails to provide a quality service.

I enjoy my XM radio. I do not have the plethora of commercials in my 20 minute drive to work, school or the mall. I choose to pay and listen to non-commercial radio broadcasts and have a right to hear local programming without the same interruptions. In that same 20 minute drive I may hear, as I channel surf the local radio, 15-20 minutes of commercials on the local radio stations.

Now there is competition for local radios, instead of responding to it by improving their programming and finding new ways to tap other income streams and new markets, they are trying to protect themselves by eliminating competition. XM radio has found a niche and now the radio stations want a regulation to prevent innovation. We, as consumers, have the right to speak out against their attempt to monopolize the broadcast market.